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Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator (3RA00)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. ^{Shawn} Garvin:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw Maryland's State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision #09-04 submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 15, 2009. The SIP Revision included NO_x and SO₂ emission limits for R. Paul Smith Power Station electric generating units. The submittal included amendments to Regulations .02 and .03 under COMAR 26.11.27 – Emission Limitations for Power Plants – that were effective on September 7, 2009.

Under the Healthy Air Act (HAA), which is codified as COMAR 26.11.27 – Emission Limitations for Power Plants, R. Paul Smith units 3 and 4 are subject to exception provisions of the HAA that authorize the Department to allow the R. Paul Smith facility, units 3 and 4, to operate without complying with the emissions requirements of the HAA, if PJM Interconnection, Inc. (PJM Inc.) determines that the termination of operation of the facility will adversely affect the reliability of electrical service in the PJM region. On January 26, 2012, R. Paul Smith informed PJM of its intent to retire units 3 and 4. PJM did not object to the planned shut-down and on September 1, 2012, units 3 and 4 ceased operations, though the power plant wishes to retain its Title V permit. On April 5, 2013, the Department proposed amendments in the Maryland Register to reestablish the emission limits of the original HAA for R. Paul Smith units 3 and 4. Should the units ever come back online they would be required to meet the more stringent emission standards. The Department is withdrawing the 2009 SIP revision because Maryland is amending the regulations to re-establish the more stringent NO_x and SO₂ emission limits contained in the original Healthy Air Act regulations adopted in 2007 under COMAR 26.11.27.

If you have any questions concerning this SIP withdrawal, please feel free to call me at 410-537-3084 or Mr. George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director of the Air and Radiation Management Administration, at 410-537-3255.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Summers, Ph.D.
Secretary

